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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1972 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included

in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)										Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers					
Total, all carriers...	85,302	(X)	30,591	20,576	9,944	40,044	10,994	1,206	1,749	615,180	(X)	45,390	345,897	108,559	12,482	12,132
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)			8,222	3,409	13,027	4,738	289	406	221,538		12,128	113,008	47,015	3,157	2,985
Boston, Mass.....	1,996	1,023	383	3	3	1,520	62	19	10	17,688	8,005	32	14,992	427	313	115
Bridgeport, Conn.....	4	4	-	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	106	106	-	105	1	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	(Z)	-	-	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	314	283	305	-	-	8	(Z)	-	(Z)	3,102	2,935	-	49	1	-	1
New York City, N.Y.....	35,498	11,332	2,565	2,406	2,406	25,536	3,946	127	918	328,097	103,227	16,377	245,993	41,298	2,584	7,393
Philadelphia, Pa.....	595	397	72	24	24	362	116	(Z)	20	5,631	2,691	101	3,502	1,517	8	142
Baltimore, Md.....	40	40	36	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)	135	-	-	34	-	-	2
Wilmington, N.C.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	99	99	9	3	3	71	5	5	6	361	361	19	190	51	52	44
Savannah, Ga.....	142	137	39	4	4	98	-	-	1	1,116	609	462	447	-	-	74
Tampa, Fla.....	84	27	78	6	6	(Z)	-	-	-	226	61	5	7	-	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	13	13	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	136	136	-	-	136	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	273	88	246	23	23	(Z)	-	-	-	1,000	456	115	13	57	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	441	343	217	223	-	-	(Z)	-	-	715	420	66	-	2	-	-
El Paso, Tex.....	85	85	84	-	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	537	537	521	-	12	4	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	26	16	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	18	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,703	2,020	1,030	210	210	2,083	1,995	299	86	60,625	21,963	1,886	21,785	22,092	2,523	1,067
San Francisco, Calif.....	2,699	1,384	152	32	32	289	1,782	360	84	35,844	14,899	245	3,707	24,877	5,045	177
Portland, Oreg.....	77	71	5	-	-	71	(Z)	-	(Z)	1,168	1,136	47	1,091	28	-	3
Seattle, Wash.....	1,002	722	248	2	2	227	518	1	7	10,472	6,020	12	2,646	5,742	6	161
Anchorage, Alaska.....	470	454	454	-	-	11	5	-	-	475	228	-	67	186	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	161	85	2	-	-	1	117	41	-	1,744	757	16	15	947	766	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	28	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	339	339	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	134	110	81	-	-	34	19	-	(Z)	1,248	1,230	774	133	338	-	2
Detroit, Mich.....	1,480	1,220	250	45	45	1,091	46	35	14	7,325	6,365	55	5,059	180	67	97
Chicago, Ill.....	6,973	3,495	1,782	2	2	4,156	858	(Z)	175	44,816	21,291	26	26,516	5,538	3	930
Cleveland, Ohio.....	349	59	268	(Z)	-	2	2	(Z)	-	2,237	407	1	711	3	1	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	23	23	3	-	-	20	-	-	-	532	532	-	512	-	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	937	482	754	170	170	12	(Z)	-	1	3,334	1,379	1,318	555	1	-	1
Miami, Fla.....	12,046	5,536	6,125	5,593	5,593	320	5	2	1	39,125	15,788	21,612	2,598	76	3	45
Houston, Tex.....	920	368	102	102	102	150	145	1	103	5,264	2,069	246	1,272	1,077	3	671
Washington, D.C.....	365	54	18	65	65	264	18	(Z)	-	6,049	1,007	679	4,986	234	1	32
All other districts.....	93	88	24	-	-	24	(Z)	-	45	412	335	-	73	1	-	117
Shipments under \$251.....	11,438	(NA)	4,867	1,031	1,031	3,609	1,339	315	277	25,652	(NA)	2,135	8,836	3,741	1,103	1,058
Special Category.....	789	500	-	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	9,622	6,094	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons..

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

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U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS BY AIR

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	76,703	(X)	9,335	7,546	39,031	19,224	341	1,149	381,163	(X)	26,707	13,787	225,083	103,539	2,576	9,375
U.S. flag carriers....	(X)	36,344	3,843	3,391	17,072	11,118	90	829	184,445	(X)	10,385	5,473	104,499	60,744	1,081	2,264
Boston, Mass.....	2,660	1,613	55	16	2,560	27	-	1	12,297	7,349	471	25	11,253	112	-	436
Bridgeport, Conn.....	11	1	1	-	10	-	-	-	133	28	26	-	106	-	-	-
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	48	45	2	-	47	-	-	-	67	52	20	-	48	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	147	110	128	(Z)	17	2	-	-	1,828	1,704	1,553	(Z)	266	8	-	-
New York City, N.Y....	35,924	16,395	796	2,825	26,152	5,829	76	248	205,454	88,264	4,345	8,330	153,644	31,335	578	7,222
Philadelphia, Pa.....	609	318	32	(Z)	542	30	(Z)	4	5,769	3,110	469	6	4,696	245	3	349
Baltimore, Md.....	91	79	7	-	68	15	(Z)	-	816	774	126	-	627	42	20	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	155	155	(Z)	-	155	-	-	-	1,508	1,507	1	-	1,508	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	111	88	-	-	111	-	-	-	792	754	-	-	792	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	50	36	5	-	31	14	-	-	414	375	16	-	367	31	-	-
Tampa, Fla.....	45	22	29	12	4	(Z)	-	-	199	47	106	13	78	2	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	2	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	358	85	308	47	3	(Z)	-	-	178	87	99	18	61	1	-	-
Laredo, Tex.....	141	121	140	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	250	152	226	-	-	23	1	-
El Paso, Tex.....	12	12	11	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	486	486	481	-	(Z)	5	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif....	5,859	2,944	253	73	1,010	4,456	58	8	45,922	24,580	3,554	406	13,744	27,243	881	94
San Francisco, Calif..	4,946	3,309	50	3	202	4,655	33	2	32,568	20,400	376	22	1,832	29,729	583	26
Portland, Oreg.....	5	2	2	-	3	(Z)	-	-	22	15	12	-	9	(Z)	-	-
Seattle, Wash.....	1,590	1,456	572	(Z)	167	851	(Z)	-	6,657	5,218	1,326	(Z)	802	4,523	6	-
Anchorage, Alaska.....	106	71	(Z)	-	35	71	-	-	298	159	21	-	127	150	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	357	188	36	-	19	272	30	-	2,298	1,258	64	-	676	1,377	181	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	19	18	19	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	209	104	113	-	96	(Z)	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	15	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	86	86	86	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	242	234	15	-	32	194	-	(Z)	1,150	1,027	217	-	429	503	-	(Z)
Detroit, Mich.....	779	643	76	(Z)	679	23	-	1	3,546	2,375	604	2	2,836	102	-	3
Chicago, Ill.....	4,313	2,447	275	7	2,798	1,160	33	41	27,173	13,785	3,020	49	18,360	5,047	186	511
Cleveland, Ohio.....	121	19	57	-	61	3	(Z)	-	975	189	567	-	379	25	5	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	53	40	(Z)	-	50	2	-	-	248	193	4	-	225	18	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	1,807	467	1,209	465	133	(Z)	-	1	2,647	576	1,442	362	837	2	-	5
Miami, Fla.....	8,096	4,011	3,818	3,678	275	320	-	5	12,226	5,675	5,066	4,102	2,777	252	-	30
Houston, Tex.....	1,087	907	103	122	112	27	-	723	3,094	404	698	86	917	1,195	-	198
Washington, D.C.....	534	483	2	4	525	2	-	(Z)	4,030	3,631	14	8	3,636	10	-	362
All other districts....	94	11	87	-	7	(Z)	-	-	81	81	84	-	25	6	-	-
Shipments under \$251...	6,313	(NA)	1,225	293	3,222	1,271	110	115	7,697	(NA)	1,494	357	3,927	1,550	134	140

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